



December 25, 2022

CHRISTMAS - NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

- Dec. 24 (Sat) VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY**
Divine Liturgy **8:00pm**
For our Parish Family
- Dec. 25 (Sun) CHRISTMAS - NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**
Divine Liturgy **10:30am**
For our Parish Family
- Dec. 26 (Mon) SYNAXIS OF THE THEOTOKOS**
Divine Liturgy **6:30pm**
For the Parish Family
- Dec. 27 (Tue) STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR**
Divine Liturgy **6:30pm**
For our Parish Family
- Dec. 31 (Sat) SATURDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**
Divine Liturgy **5:00pm**
For our Parish Family
- Jan. 1 (Sun) SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY**
CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD
Divine Liturgy **10:30am**
For our Parish Family

Our Tithe to our Parish - Dec. 18, 2022 - \$2,297.00

The Sanctuary Lamp continues to burn before the presence of Our Risen Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ in our church during the week of Dec. 24 thru Dec. 31, for health and welfare of our homebound .



Let us remember in our prayers all of our friends and parish family members who are sick at home or in a nursing facility and for all who are in need of our prayers.

Ron Bishop, George Bodnar, Pamela Seech Dawson,
Steve Fekete, Margaret Gegick, John Hresko, Kevin Ianni,
Jeff Kaloski, Helen Magdic, Ted Race, Helen Rizzi,
Joseph Rusinko Sr., Mark Sethman



December 18, 2022 - St. Nicholas / St. Anna Feast Day Social

Thank you to all who helped with the setup and all who donated all the delicious food for this pot luck luncheon. It was a wonderful time to be with other parishioners and all enjoyed Fr. Vasyl's singing of Christmas Carols. The true meaning of Christmas.

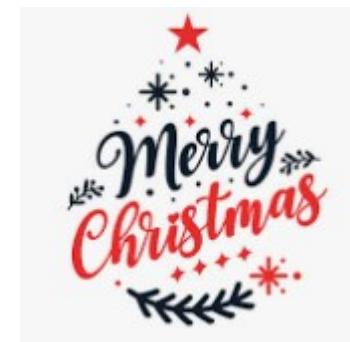
A special Thank You to all who decorated the church. At this time of the year everyone is so busy, but some took the time to prepare our church for the birth of our Lord. God Bless!

Christmas Mission

During the celebration of Christmas, it is good to also look out for others who may be in need this holiday season. Father Vasyl is in touch with a priest friend in Ukraine who is trying to help children orphaned because of the ongoing war. Monetary donations will be collected for this effort and the plan is to combine them with the proceeds of the next pirohi project. You can help in many ways. Please see Fr. Vasyl if you would like to support this effort.

Our thanks goes out to The James Shirley Funeral Home for their generous contribution to cover the printing cost of our calendars.

As we experienced last year, there is another delay in shipping our donation envelopes. Please be patient. We will let you know as soon as they are here.





VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Stopping to gaze at and perhaps pray before a Nativity scene is one of the best ways to remember the real meaning of Christmas, Pope Francis said.

“Simple and familiar, the Nativity scene recalls a Christmas that is different from the consumerist and commercial Christmas. It is something else. It reminds us how good it is for us to cherish moments of silence and prayer in our days, often overwhelmed by frenzy”.

“If we really want to celebrate Christmas,” he said, “let us rediscover through the crib the surprise and amazement of littleness, the littleness of God, who makes himself small, who is not born in the splendor of appearances, but in the poverty of a stable.”

To truly encounter Jesus, the pope said, people must meet him in the manger, leaving their own vanity and pretense behind.

“Prayer is the best way to say thank you before this gift of free love, to say thank you to Jesus who desires to enter our homes and our hearts,” he said. “Yes, God loves us so much that he shares our humanity and our lives.”

“Even in the worst moments,” the pope said, “he is there, because he is the Emmanuel, the God with us, the light that illuminates the darkness and the tender presence that accompanies us on our journey.”

The lights on the Christmas tree, he said, are a reminder that Jesus came “to lighten our darkness, our existence often enclosed in the shadow of sin, fear, pain.”

But, the pope said, the tree also should make people think about the importance of roots.

Like a tree, he said, only a person who is “rooted in good soil remains firm, grows, matures, resists the winds that shake him and becomes a point of reference for those who look upon him.”

The Christmas tree, Pope Francis said, is a reminder of the need to remain rooted in Christ.



From Father Vasyl

Blessings from God on you and your family.

It doesn't seem possible we have been in this beautiful church for seven months. We have met and worked with many wonderful people. All have been so kind to me, Victoria, Mark, and Vasyl .

I want to express my appreciation for all the help I have received on the pirohi project and the offerings I am receiving for the children of Ukraine. We still have a lot to do, but I am sure with the help of God and our parishioners we will accomplish much.

May our new born Lord, Jesus Christ keep us safe and wishing all a Very Blessed Christmas.

Fr. Vasyl, Victoria, Mark, and Vasyl